

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Koichi ASAI; Yasuo MUTO; Kazuya SUZUKI; Kazutoshi
SAKAIApplication No.: ~~New U.S. Patent Application~~

Filed: December 31, 2001

Docket No.: 111609

For: PHOTOVOLTAIC PANEL AND METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME

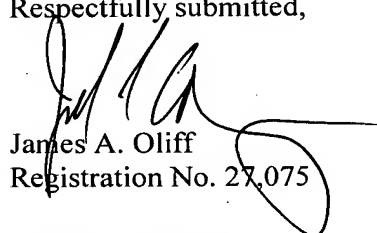
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTDirector of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language references appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,


James A. Oliff
Registration No. 27,075Joel S. Armstrong
Registration No. 36,430

JAO:JSA/kaf

Date: December 31, 2001

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC
P.O. Box 19928
Alexandria, Virginia 22320
Telephone: (703) 836-6400DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE
AUTHORIZATIONPlease grant any extension
necessary for entry;
Charge any fee due to our
Deposit Account No. 15-0461